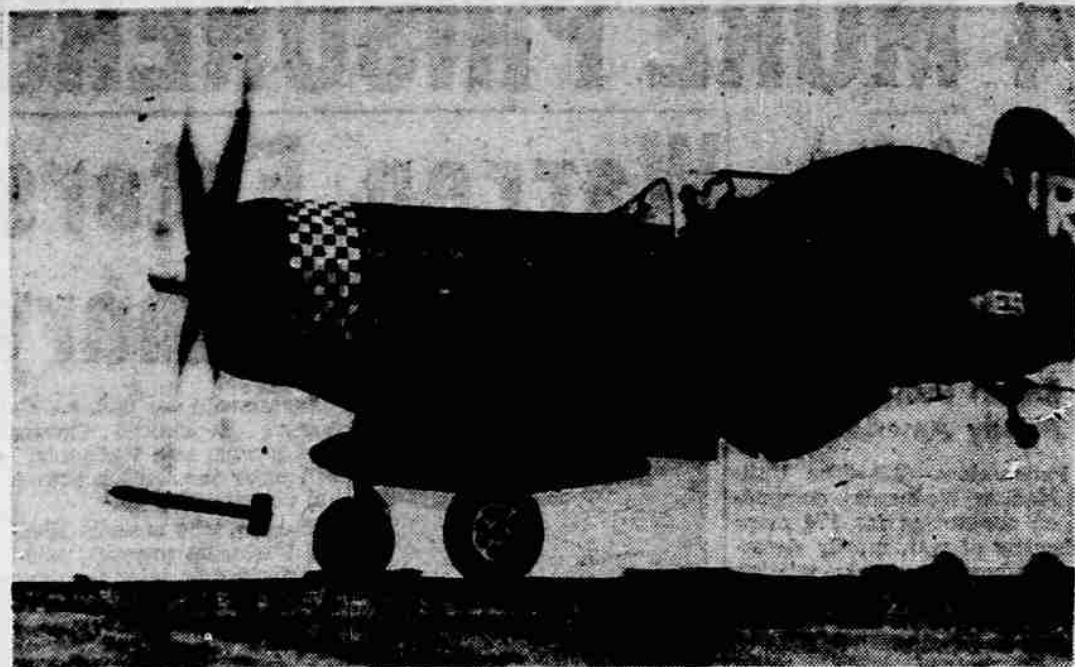




ROCKET ON THE LOOSE—This unusual photo was taken the instant a rocket broke loose from Marine Corps Corsair piloted by Robert Morrison of Philadelphia, Pa., as he landed on the escort carrier U. S. S. Bairolo off the Korean coast. The rocket was dislodged when the carrier's arresting gear brought the plane to a halt. The Navy did not disclose if any damage resulted.

Monstrous XB-52 Undergoes Taxi Tests on Seattle's Boeing Field

Seattle—(U.P.)—Aeronautical engineers Wednesday tested a futuristic monster of destruction at Boeing field here.

The great XB-52, the super-secret big brother to the Air Force's swept-wing B-47, is making almost daily taxi tests on the main runway. And it's too big to hide from curious on-lookers.

Sound Shakes Buildings

It is possible to stand along the fence at the civilian side of the field and watch the secret bomber perform to your heart's content.

When the power packed into the eight mammoth jet pods is turned loose, a wave of sound shakes the nearby buildings. The XB-52 sounds like a high-speed projectile coming directly at you—but it never quite arrives.

She starts with a billow of black smoke and flame. Her size deceives you into believing she is lumbering over the concrete runway, but she quickly overtakes two Ford station wagons which race ahead to photograph landing gear reactions.

Then the eerie, threatening whine dies from the air and a huge white parachute pops from the tail to slow her down. The brakes can be heard screeching from a half-mile away like two trucks attempting to avoid a collision.

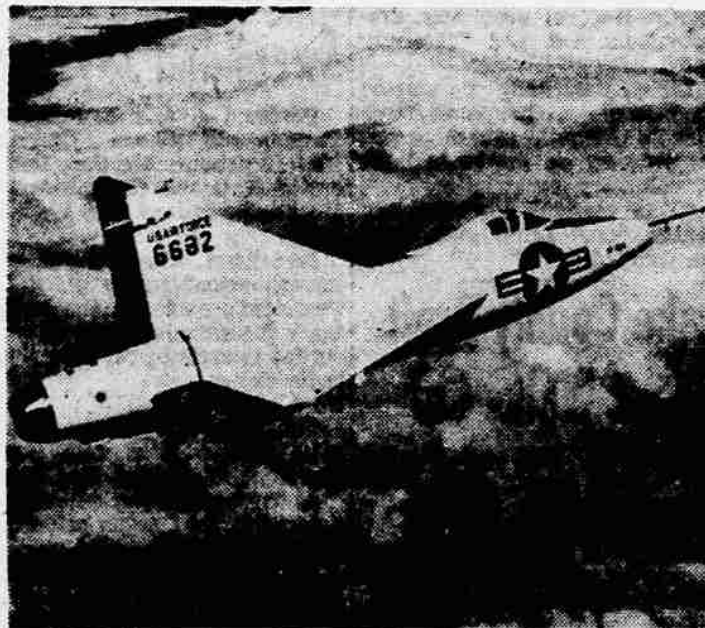
Without ever getting off the ground, the weight of the monster has broken up the seven-inch thickness of Boeing's runway—a runway which withstood the pounding of B-17s, B-29s, B-50s and B-47s.

The landing gear looks like a truck undercarriage—four giant double wheels supporting the fuselage. Outrigger wheels near the wingtips support the thin, swept-back, speed-of-sound air foils. Observers wonder what the impact of landing the huge plane will do to a runway. No Comparison of Size

There is no good comparison

of the size of the XB-52 from a distance. However, even from 500 yards it holds its own with the giant C-97 Stratofreighter—74 ton double-deck troops and cargo transport. It dwarfs its predecessor, the medium B-47, and towers over four-engined conventional commercial transports.

The Air Force hopes the XB-52 will be the long range answer to the jet interceptor. The World War II mainstay, the intrepid B-29, has proved dangerously obsolete in Korea—and that, by implication, may mean the giant B-36—still untested in combat—already is too vulnerable to enemy fighters.



HEADING FOR WILD BLUE YONDER—First photo released of the delta wing Convair XF-92A with afterburner (contained in extended tail section), which adds substantially to the thrust of the plane's J-33-A-29 engine. The XF-92A, shown over San Diego, was designed and built by Convair as an experimental ship to explore and test the flight characteristics of a true delta wing. The plane made its first flight in 1948.

Bar Pilots Request Deeper River Channel

Portland—(U.P.)—The Columbia River Bar Pilots association appealed to Rep. Homer D. Angell, R-Ore., Wednesday for a deeper channel at the mouth of the Columbia River.

In a communication written by Capt. Clarence E. Ash, a bar pilot since 1926, the association declared "there is a continuing de-

terioration in the condition and depth of water at the mouth of the river." It said the situation was a hazard to shipping.

The pilots want the channel deepened to 48 feet and said if the project is not authorized by Congress it will be unsafe to enter the Columbia except when the tide is coming in.

Man Married 17 Times Believes New Record Set

El Paso, Tex.—(U.P.)—A gray-haired 72-year-old El Paso plumber who "wanted to set a record" said Wednesday he thought he probably had with his 17th marriage—this time to a 47-year-old El Paso woman he has known 22 years.

The plumber, Bruce Steele, said he couldn't help it if he appealed to women.

Steele has 31 children—24 sons and 7 daughters. His new wife, Mrs. Estell Lloyd, has a son of her own.

"That gives us 25 boys," Steele said. "Seven of the children live with us."

Steele, who said he is a "good Romeo," has been married 17 times to 14 women. He said he requires that his wives be "good women" who don't smoke or drink.

"I married Nellie twice and Fannie three times. They come and go. Some are dead, some divorced, and some still living," he said.

Actor Hailed to Court As Aftermath of Party

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—Film actor Steve Cochran was scheduled for a court appearance Wednesday as the belated aftermath of a New Year's Eve party.

Lenwood (Buddy) Wright, a former boxer, filed a \$405,000 damage suit against the hand-some actor Tuesday, charging that Cochran was too handy with a baseball bat at the party.

Miss Truman To Spend Vacation in California

Malibu Beach—(U.P.)—An eight-room cottage was being renovated Wednesday for Margaret Truman, who plans to spend a two-week vacation here before starting a concert tour in the west.

The President's daughter has confirmed that she will arrive here early next week for a quiet vacation.

BAND ON PROGRAM

Ashland—Several numbers by the Southern Oregon college band will be featured in the college weekly radio program to be presented at 8:15 Thursday evening over radio station KWIN, Ashland, according to Leon C. Mulling, associate professor of speech. The program will include selections recorded at a recent recital directed by Glenn T. Matthews, assistant professor of music.

Dead line on Classified Ads: 5:30 p.m. for following day; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; noon Saturday for Sunday a.m.



"THEY KILLED HIM"—Mrs. Peggy Paulsen, in the arms of her brother, Ray Higgins, sobs, "They killed him, it's all their fault," after she had the casket of her soldier husband opened at Hawthorne, Calif., and had the body identified as that of her husband. Paulsen was killed in Korea five days after their daughter was born.

Milk Truck Foils Attempt To Escape Prison via Tunnel

Walla Walla—(U.P.)—A plan to escape from the Washington State Penitentiary here collapsed Tuesday with the collapse of a tunnel just 30 feet short of the outer wall, Warden John Cranor said.

The warden said that a 100-foot tunnel caved in beneath the wheels of a milk truck driven by a prisoner, and thus brought to light a job that already had taken at least a year and one-half to accomplish.

"It was simply a case of directing the tunnel toward the surface too soon," Cranor said.

No one was in the tunnel when it collapsed, but evidence of fresh digging was found.

The tunnel started under a 20-inch square of concrete in the floor of the boiler room. A steel plate covered with ashes concealed the opening. Dirt from the excavation apparently was hauled out in bags, sprinkled with ashes, and flushed down the sewer in the boiler room with the aid of a hose, Cranor said.

Only two weeks ago the warden gave inmates a special dinner marking their good behavior in not digging any tunnels.

Teachers Advised To Use Models in Presenting Talks

Cleveland, O.—(U.P.)—Teachers in northern Ohio, at a series of meetings, have provided a wealth of new ideas for educators and have leveled serious criticisms at today's parents.

The Central Association of Science and Mathematics Teachers was advised recently to make greater use of models when presenting a lecture.

"Students not only listen more attentively, but learn more thoroughly when science models are displayed," Dr. J. A. Campbell, associate chemistry professor at Oberlin college said.

The Northeastern Ohio Teachers' association was told—and members agreed—that schools are taking over many of duties of parents. Broken homes and homes where both parents work—situations reported on the increase—combine to offer schools more children, some of whom cannot tie their own shoes. Others must be taught to brush their teeth and even wash their hands, according to Mrs. Eleanor Whipple, an Akron teacher.

"A teacher nowadays must give a pupil a pat on the back or a friendly smile to make up for the neglect (at home)," commented Ben Waddington, a prepare pupils for the trips.

Spokane Records Slight Earthquake

Spokane—(U.P.)—A light earthquake northwest of here Tuesday apparently caused no damage, city and county officials reported.

The tremor began at 11:42 a.m. and lasted about two minutes, seismograph attendants at Mount St. Michael's scholasticate said. They said the quake consisted of two main shocks followed by 14 impulses lasting about four seconds each.

The intensity of the earthquake was reported as being about 10 times greater than a minor quake recorded February 3.

HOSPITALS DO BUSINESS
Boston—(U.P.)—The secretary of state reports that 99.9 per cent of all babies born in Massachusetts during 1951 were delivered in hospitals.

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